From The Principals Desk
Welcome back for term 4, traditionally this term is always extremely busy and it will be no different this year. Thursday night will see the hard work of students and teachers culminate in our school concert. This type of event is extremely important for the students in achieving all of the learning outcomes of the NSW Syllabus. Creative and performing arts opportunities are not only for the opportunity to have our students perform on stage in front of an audience but also to extend their experiences and provide opportunities to talented students. This Newsletter has a photo spread of the students’ involvement leading up to the concert.

On Wednesday the winners of the Public Speaking competition are competing at The Georges River Public Speaking Competition. We wish them well for this event. Our school is one of the host venues for the competition which will be held in the hall.

Staff News
This week we farewell Mrs. Butler who is going onto Maternity Leave, but will return once again in 2015. Miss. Andreacchio will be taking Mrs. Butler’s RFF classes.

Mrs. Smith (1S) has taken leave for the rest of year. Miss Worthington will continue on 1S for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Khanh is on 5/6S while Mrs. Sarafoski continues on sick leave.

School Uniform
At this time of the year, as the weather warms, we would encourage all our students to dress in full summer school uniform. This includes a school hat which is a daily necessary item. The children are not able to access the entire playground if they do not wear a school hat.

Kindergarten Orientation
This program commences on Wednesday 22nd October and runs for the following 3 Wednesday’s being 29 Oct, 5 Nov and 12 Nov.

Christmas card Competition
Hurstville City Council is running its annual Christmas card competition. There are 2 categories: K-2 and 3-6. All entries are to be on A4 with designs in either pencil or crayon. Please have your entry to Mrs. Lopes by Friday 17th October. The Winner will receive a $50 voucher and $100 voucher for the school. Include on the back of your entry your Name, Age, Address and Ph. Number, Class and School. Good luck everyone.

Application for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2016.
All applications for the selective High School placement test are online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Information packages are available at the front office.
Important Dates

School Presentation Day- 10th December 2014
To be known as Celebration of Learning. This event will be held at Peakhurst Campus. It acknowledges the academic achievements of the students in all grades and all subjects. Some high level additional awards are also presented.

Recognition Assembly - 2nd December 2014
This is a new assembly to recognize the participation and achievement of our students in sporting and cultural activities. Parents will be invited to this event at School.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Monday 15th December 2014

School Surveys
In an effort to improve the response to surveys and to get a clear understanding of how the school is going in providing a quality education to our students and online questionnaire is going to be available for all parents and carers to complete. The responses are anonymous and random user names/passwords will be generated and provided to students to bring home.

Family Portrait Fundraiser
Please return the booking sheet as soon as possible
Like us on Facebook

We now have an official Facebook page administered by the school, authorised by the Department of Education. Find us at https://www.facebook.com/#!/PenshurstWestPublicSchool or by looking for our page name: Penshurst West Public School - NSW DEC.

Calendar Updates

We hope that our term calendar has a special place on your fridge. Please refer to the calendar, our website and our new, OFFICIAL FACEBOOK page for regular information about school events and activities.

- **Week 3**
  - Tues 21 Peakhurst HS to meet Year 6 PWPS
  - Wednesday 22 Kindergarten Orientation
  - Friday 24 PSSA – No Hockey

- **Week 4**
  - Wednesday 29 Kindergarten Orientation 9.45
  - Thursday 30 Penshurst Girls to meet Yr. 6
  - Friday 31 PSSA

- **Week 5**
  - Wednesday 5 Nov Kindergarten Orientation
  - Friday 7 PSSA

Canteen Request

We are desperate for canteen volunteers to work in the mornings. This would only be from 9.00 – 12.30.

Additionally if there are parents who would like to open the canteen in the afternoon between 2.00 and 2.25 for recess then this could be offered and would only require selling the products that are not heated.

Please let the school office know if you are available.
Technical Rehearsal of our 2014 School Concert

Our Performance starts at 6.30 on Thursday evening. Please have the students at Georges River College – Peakhurst Campus. Please park and enter through the gates on Isaac Street.
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